

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

Frederick R. BLATTNER *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/655,914

Filed: September 5, 2003

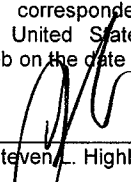
For: COMPETENT BACTERIA

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Nancy S. Vogel

Atty. Dkt. No.: WARF:018US

Confirmation No. 8615

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION 37 C.F.R. § 1.8	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office via EFS-Web on the date below:	
May 17, 2007 Date	 Steven L. Highlander

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007, for which the date for response is May 18, 2007, by virtue of the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time (one-month) and payment of fees. It is believed that no other fees are due; however, should applicants' check be missing, or any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/WARF:018US/SLH.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this response; **Remarks** begin at page 5.